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*See Sub A dated 17 Mar 65 D-13.8/1*  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : NRO Report on Development of the Pan Reseau

REFERENCE : USIB-D-41.14/224 (COMOR-D-13/40)  
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1. In restricted session at the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) meeting on 10 March, the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Staff, responding to a previous question by the DIA Member recorded in paragraph 6. c. of the reference, stated that 1 January 1966 would be the earliest date at which the pan reseau could be made available. General Stewart indicated that the time required for final design, fabrication, ground test, etc., would make even this date difficult to attain.

2. In response to a question by the Chairman regarding the possibility that the addition of pan reseau might result in degradation of present photographic quality, General Stewart stated that most people say no, but that this was one of the unknowns still being investigated. If it is proven that reseau does degrade the product, he indicated that NRO would recommend against its use.

3. Mr. McCone asked whether the addition of reseau would reduce the reliability of the KH-4. The D/NRO Staff stated that although he believed there should be no impact on reliability, this was subject to checking as development tests proceed.

4. The DCI questioned whether present KH-4 photography was useful for mapping and charting purposes. General Stewart indicated

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that some map and chart photography was now being accomplished on each mission. General Carroll stated that KH-4 photography was very useful in the mapping and charting program now, and he would arrange to include some information on its use in the briefing DIA was presenting to USIB on 17 March.

5. USIB noted the report by General Stewart. In view of the interest expressed in the details of pan reseau, General Stewart's notes on the subject are attached hereto for information.

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Executive Secretary //

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